



This chart shows the per capita consumption of the United States resident population for beef, chicken, pork and lamb from the years 1910 to 2010 with these exceptions: prior to 1930, except for the war years, 1917-1919, resident population only; in the year of 1930 and after, the population included the Armed Forces overseas. Currently, chicken is the meat of choice, followed by beef, pork, and lamb. Per capita consumption of selected red meats and poultry during 2010 was as follows: chicken ~ 82.8 pounds; beef ~ 59.4 pounds; pork ~ 47.2 pounds; and lamb ~ 0.9 of a pound. Data for 2011 were not available at the time of publishing.

\* Comparison data on retail-weight equivalent of turkeys were not available. Source: [http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-availability-\(per-capita\)-data-system.aspx](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-availability-(per-capita)-data-system.aspx).